IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 12, line 3 as follows:

After reading in the audio data in Step S1, the data decoding section 11 determines if retaining information is attached to the header of the read in audio data or not in Step S2. If retaining information is attached to the audio data, the data or the audio data block to be retained are stored on the recording device or medium 13 in Step S3. Said retaining information is also delivered to the recording device control section 12 in Step S4. Then, the audio data are delivered to the audio reproduction buffer contained in the audio decoding section 14 in Step S5 so that the audio data may be reproduced at this time. If the audio data are not reproduced at this time, an operation of retaining the data on the recording device or medium 13 may simply be conducted and the data may be discarded.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 18, line 21 as follows:

FIG. 15 is a block diagram of a digital signal processing system centered around a CPU 30 and configured to sequentially take out instructions from ROM 32 storing the software program and execute them. The CPU 30 is connected to the ROM 32, a RAM 33 operating as work area and an I/O interface 34 by way of a bus 31. The I/O interface 34 includes an input 35 to the interface 34 and an output 36 to the interface 34.